

When in the history of our state have lowans ever seen the danger of their freedoms, rights, and safety being ripped away by the merging of government and big corporations as they are seeing today. There are powerful in-state and out-of-state people who are lined up to take away these freedoms and rights because they understand the extremely lucrative aspect of this project. That sole monetary facet drives this project. Therefore, as Iowa citizens who will be paying billions of dollars of our taxpayer money to these corrupt BlackRock corporations, we have questions that need answers.

Concerns:

1. Eminent Domain for private use... not public use

**Answer:** Has anyone proven that moving CO2 across Iowa benefits anyone? Where are the financial studies that prove this is subject to eminent domain? Where are the financial studies? **There are NO financial benefits (except to the carbon pipeline companies).** Financial studies and arguments appear to be missing from this eminent domain argument. No one had proven a financial benefit to the people.

2. Safety from pipelines carrying a colorless, odorless asphyxiate...in highly pressurized pipelines

**Answer:** Transmission pipelines are not required to provide olfactory (related to smell) notice...no odorizers are required according to 49 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations). This begs the question...how do we know that there has been an eruption of the carbon pipeline? What effective warning system will send out the alarm that dangerous gases are flowing throughout the air? What steps are our representative government officials in Iowa going to take to protect their citizens from a disastrous eruption... not if but when it happens?

3. Farmlands with these pipelines will be devalued.

**Answer:** It's all about money. Looking at the map of Iowa and seeing the path of these pipelines, is anyone in Des Moines concerned about the **number** of farms these pipelines will impact? Legislators are thrilled about the economic boost this will give the Iowa economy. How can that happen when you understand how many farms are going to realize loss of yields because of the disturbance to the topsoil that the pipeline brings, plus the fact farmers are under the threat of losing their land through eminent domain for private profit. How do you justify supporting that stance when it runs counter to the U.S. and Iowa Constitutions? And now another branch of the pipeline is coming to Iowa. Don't think that you are safe from this venture. As long as the money flows from the taxpayer, more

pipelines will come. This is something ALL farmers and landowners should be concerned about.

4. If there should be a catastrophic eruption, no insurance company will insure the pipelines. "Will the fact that 3 Iowa utility board members voted for it.. In spite of the fact that the majority of Iowa said no... give them any culpability in the disaster"?"

**Answer:** Bonding is necessary for catastrophic cleanup. IUB decisions may be appealed in court.

5. The danger from these pipelines needs to be stressed.

**Answer:** The argument here is potential impact radius, PIR. Has anyone established an appropriate PIR? What method has been used to establish a potential impact radius? What is the safe impact radius for a catastrophic failure? Established criteria exists for natural gas potential impact radius, PIR. Who established the PIR for CO2 pipelines? How was this determined to be safe? What is the name of the organization who effected a safe potential impact radius? Taxpayers need answers to these questions. Legislators should be adamant that these questions be answered

6. Pipeline companies are LLC's... have \$10 million insurance on pipelines... farmer carries rest of responsibility...How far will that \$10 million go when a pipeline disaster happens and people and animals are affected?

**Answer:** This brings back the bonding issue. The bond values haven't been changed to meet current costs for several decades. Before we allow one ounce of dirt to be moved, this bonding issue needs to be addressed.

7. Three unelected members of IUB are making this decision... but responsible to no one affected by the pipelines... The Iowa legislature should be determining the outcome of this issue.

**Answer:** The board members represent an aggregation of nominations from Governors, conferred by legislature. They serve at the pleasure of the current Governor. There must be at least one Republican and one Democrat sitting at any one time. Therefore, if they serve at the pleasure of Governor Reynolds, then she shares the responsibility to ensure that the will of the people of Iowa is accomplished... but is she listening to the people of Iowa? Is she understanding the longterm ramifications of this issue? Does she realize that this decision by the IUB will enslave the people of Iowa to big corporations? Is she remembering that the Iowa motto reads "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain?"

8. Huge taxpayer burden... close to \$1 billion/year to each company for tax incentives for 12 years...and then subsidies forever

**Answer:** Again, an eminent domain when used correctly is a benefit to our way of life. No benefit appears to have been proven for a CO2 pipeline. As an example, what is the benefit if we were to sequester \$10mil of carbon dioxide? \$10bil? How much would this affect our society? What is the value of improvement to our way of life?

9. Three carbon pipeline companies are putting pipelines throughout Iowa... and spurs from those pipelines are now being planned

**Answer:** When used appropriately, pipelines are useful to our communities and society. However, these carbon pipelines have not shown to benefit any Iowan. Not only are they going to cost Iowa taxpayers billions of dollars each year (that is after our legislature is bragging about decreasing our taxes), but also they are a huge safety concern as well as creating apprehension in Iowans as they see this setting a **new precedent** which allows private corporations to use eminent domain for their profit. When do these carbon pipelines stop? Do we ever say NO MORE??

10. Iowa has tile lines throughout the fields all over Iowa... how do they avoid those?

**Answer:** Tile lines are exempt from Iowa one call. Farmers may file their tile line locations with their county recorder or create a county wide tile board. The burden of horizontal location of underground facilities always rests with the facility owner (with some variation for error). 199 IAC Chapter 9 requires pipeline operators to repair tile lines.

11. What effect will these pipelines have on the ecosystems in Iowa?

**Answer:** A landowner shared that he discovered people on his property in the middle of the night. They were there without his knowledge or permission. When he approached them about being surveyors they denied this. They had huge nets and were capturing bats for relocation. Endangered species of plants and animals can be a stumbling block for the pipeline companies. Apparently the solution is to remove them beforehand without the property owners knowledge. Is this the underhanded way that Iowans are now being treated? What has happened to honesty and transparency? We stand up for what is right. We are bold and will

fight for what is right and for what is ours and against the tyrannical, covert actions of these carbon pipeline corporations

12. Do we really have private property anymore?

**Answer:** When used incorrectly, eminent domain appears to take private property without cause.

13. Do any of the Iowa Utilities Board members receive funds from pipeline companies? If so, this is a conflict of interest. Wouldn't this be extremely important for Iowans to know?

14. Can these corporations sell Iowa farmland that they have purchased through eminent domain to foreign entities?

**Answer:** While Iowa citizens can not sell to foreign entities, a loophole allows these corporations to sell to whomever they choose. At a time when we, as a nation, have become concerned at the level of Chinese involvement in every area of our country, shouldn't we be concerned about this discrepancy in our anxiety about foreign involvement in Iowa farmland and the reality of corporation indifference to the problem

The conflict with the carbon pipelines is a battle that we must fight and win for our children and grandchildren.

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